

National Park Service
Gateway National Recreation Area - Jamaica Bay
2014 Spring and Summer Boating Programs



For all boating programs: dress to get wet, wear shoes that will not fall off, and bring water, sunscreen and a snack. Kayaks or canoes, personal floatation devices, paddles and instruction will be provided.

"Paddles" are usually shorter trips intended for beginners, and "excursions" are longer trips intended for those who have paddled the listed distance before. "Walk-ups" and "Skills Sessions" are intended for first time paddlers, or those who wish to improve their skills and practice.

Fun Canoe Paddle and Walk in the Park

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp Kayak Launch

Saturday and Sunday

May 17 and May 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the incoming tide along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land your canoe on Mill Basin inlet and enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information. (1 mile paddle and 1 mile walk)

Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday and Sunday

May 17, 18, 24

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday, Sunday and Monday

May 24, 25 and 25

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

May 25

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Rockaway Cove Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

May 26

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday and Sunday

July 5 -- August 31

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

July 5 -- August 30

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Sunday

July 6 – Aug 31

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Youth Group Sailing

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

July 7 – August 28

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Groups will learn about sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Family Sailing

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Friday

July 11 – August 22

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Families enjoy sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday

June 7

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

June 7

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Sunday

June 8

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Sunday

June 8

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday

June 14

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

June 14

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Sunday

June 15

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Sunday

June 15

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Individual Sailing Instruction

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursdays

June 26 – August 28

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Each class consists of three consecutive sessions where participants learn the basic skills of sailing. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday

June 28

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

June 28

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Sunday

June 29

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Sunday

June 29

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Wednesday

July 2

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

See the sights on this beginner's paddle to the cloistered Four Sparrow Marsh. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Deadhorse Bay Paddle

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

July 3

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday

July 3

2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Ruffle Bar Excursion

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesdays

July 4

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay on this trip. Learn about the history of the island and the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

Kayak Skills Session

Riis Landing, Queens

Friday

July 4

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills each week. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Bergen Beach Kayak Excursion

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Wednesday

July 9

12:30 p.m. – 3:30

Enjoy paddling the scenic North shore of Jamaica Bay. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

Deadhorse Bay Paddle

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

July 10

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Yellow Bar Excursion

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesdays

July 10

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Paddle to this saltmarsh at low tide and see the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

Organized Group Paddling

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

July 11

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy an afternoon of paddling. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Deadhorse Bay Paddle

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Wednesday

July 16

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Gerritsen Creek Kayak Excursion

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

July 17

10:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm

Enjoy an energetic excursion up Gerritsen Creek and back. See the estuary and then cool off at the Salt Marsh Nature Center while learning about the animal exhibits and habitat with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 miles)

Fresh Creek Kayak Excursion

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

July 18

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the wild on this excursion along Fresh creek's shores. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.0 miles)

Kayak Skills Session

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday

July 18

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills each week. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Frank Charles Park Kayak Walk-up and Shoreline Seining with the Urban Park Rangers

Frank Charles Memorial Park, Queens

Wednesday

July 23

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Paddle on the water at this walk-up program and then find out what is in the water on this guided program. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

July 24

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Rockaway Cove Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

July 24

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

Ruffle Bar Excursion

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesdays

July 25

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay on this trip. Learn about the history of the island and the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)

Wednesday

July 30

1pm – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the take-out and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Deadhorse Bay Paddle

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

July 31

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)

Wednesday

July 31

1:30pm – 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the take-out and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Organized Group Paddling

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

Aug 1

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy an morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Kayak Skills Session

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

August 1

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Bayswater Park Kayak Walk-up and Seining with the Urban Park Rangers

Bayswater Park, Queens

August 6

Wednesday

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before, and discover what life thrives in the bay with the Urban Rangers. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Rockaway Cove Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

August 7

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

August 7

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Kayak Skills Session

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

August 8

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Joco Marsh Excursion

Bayswater Park, Queens

Wednesday

August 13

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an energetic excursion from Bayswater Park through JoCo Creek. Immerse yourself in the estuary and visit this lovely salt marsh. NYC Urban Park Rangers will also be accompanying this paddle. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 mile)

Junior Ranger Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday

August 13

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Junior Rangers will paddle along the shore of Floyd Bennett Field and observe wildlife in action. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation.

Canarsie Pol Excursion

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Wednesday

August 14

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay on this mile trip. Learn about the history of the islands of Jamaica Bay. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

Organized Group Paddling

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

Aug 15

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy a morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Kayak Skills Session

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

August 15

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Idlewild Park Paddle

Idlewild Park, Queens

Wednesday

August 20

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Explore the salt marsh near the head of Jamaica Bay on this idyllic beginner paddle. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Birding activity will also be provided by NYC Park Rangers on shore. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

Deadhorse Bay Paddle

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

August 21

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Rockaway Cove Paddle

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

August 21

12:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

Organized Group Paddling

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

Aug 22

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy a morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Kayak Skills Session

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

August 22

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Wednesday

August 27

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

See the sights on this beginner's paddle to the cloistered Four Sparrow Marsh. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)

Wednesday

August 27

12:30 pm – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the take-out and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (4 miles)

Spring Creek Excursion

North Channel Bridge, Queens

Thursday

August 28

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm

Cross open bay to explore this wild creek and salt marsh on an energetic paddle. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (6 miles)

Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

August 28

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

Organized Group Paddling

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

Aug 29

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy a morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

Kayak Skills Session

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Friday

August 29

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.